

Danger Grows For Johnson, Survey Shows

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WASHINGTON — While the personal safety of President Johnson on his Eastern travels has been an abiding nightmare to the men assigned to protect him, a profoundly disturbing report is circulating here in Washington.

This report has been prepared by a special panel of Government experts appointed to study Presidential safety after the Warren Commission had completed its deliberations.

MORE VULNERABLE

Broadly summarized, it disclosed that the life of Lyndon Johnson on his native soil is becoming more vulnerable month by month.

Not only have the number of threatening telephone calls to the President increased, and some inadvertently connected, nearly a dozen intruders have been found wandering about in the White House grounds over the past 12 months.

A few months ago, a plainclothes agent strolled in through the East Gate of the White House, calmly showed a forged Press pass to the guards, and then walked unchallenged into the office of George Reedy, who was then the White House Press Secretary.

"SEE HOW EASY?"

The agent pulled a gun on Reedy and said casually: "Now do you see how easy it is to get in here?" Reedy, it is said, almost passed out, and shortly afterwards a Special Secret Service man was assigned to supervise the White House Press Corps.

Most alarming of all the panel's findings, however, is the fact that the list of "persons considered extremely dangerous to the life of the



ROBERT WEBSTER

"Whereabouts unknown

President," has expanded dramatically over the past two years, and today contains almost 2000 names.

This list, now being minutely scrutinized by the FBI, is believed to include a large number of American defectors to Soviet bloc countries, whose whereabouts are today unknown.

EXPERT SHOT

Among these perhaps the most interesting is the name of Robert Webster, an expert marksman from Ohio, who defected to Russia at about the same time as Lee Harvey Oswald.

Webster is mentioned several times in the 26 volumes of evidence published by the Warren Commission.

The most elaborate possible methods of protection are now being devised by the Secret Service. But Mr. Johnson is sometimes heard to observe, echoing his murdered predecessor: "Any determined fanatic with guts and a telescopic rifle could do the same to me, and there is little that the Secret Service could do about it."